

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to overcome the objection to the alleged new matter. Support for the present changes can be found, e.g., in original claim 11.

Claims 23-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Rohrbacher. Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Rohrbacher in view of Graefe. Claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Rohrbacher in view of Furuya. Applicants respectfully traverse each of these rejections.

Rohrbacher fails to disclose that a fiber-reinforced plastic material in the form of a mat or a polymer melt is applied onto a side of the preformed film that does not become the surface on the structural part.

Applicants also reiterate that Rohrbacher does not disclose a dyed layer as claimed. Rather, Rohrbacher discloses that the finished composite structure comprises an outer layer of a glossy clear thermoplastic coating firmly bonded to a layer of a thermoplastic pigment, which contains a paint which, in turn, is adhered to a thin size layer of a thermoplastic pigment, which, in turn, is adhered to the flexible thermo-formable sheet of composite structure, column 2, lines 52 to 57. Figures 2 and 3 depict the layer sequences of the composite structures. Layer 4 is a paint coat or a pigmented coat which, with an adhesion layer 3, the thin layer is bonded to mat 2 of the composite structure.

The newly presented claims require the presence of a dyed film which is not believed to be disclosed by Rohrbacher, so Rohrbacher does not teach or suggest the presently claimed invention. Withdrawal of this rejection is, therefore, respectfully requested.

There is no evidence that the film disclosed in Furuya can be used with such a method.

Furuya discloses coating the outer surface of the mat with a hard coating layer, but the claimed method with a dyed film is not disclosed. Thus, this rejection must be withdrawn.

Withdrawal of this rejection is, therefore, respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-DNAG-289-US.

Respectfully submitted

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